

FINDINGS AND AWARD OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the arbitration between:

Client

Case No. XX-A-XXX

Attorney

INTRODUCTION

The matter was heard on [TYPE DATE HERE] at [TYPE TIME HERE] before a single arbitrator/a panel of three arbitrators, [TYPE NAME HERE], [TYPE NAME HERE], and [TYPE NAME HERE]. The Petitioner, [TYPE NAME HERE], was present/not present. The Petitioner was represented by [TYPE NAME HERE]. The Respondent, [TYPE NAME HERE], was present/not present. The Respondent was represented by [TYPE NAME HERE].

This arbitration is:

☐ Binding

☐ Non-Binding

RESPONSIBLE ATTORNEY

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code 6203(d), the responsible attorney in this matter is [TYPE NAME HERE].

FEEES INCURRED AND AMOUNT IN DISPUTE

1.

The amount that the Petitioner claims the services were worth:

\$ _____

2. The amount that the Respondent claims the services were worth: \$ _____

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3. The amount that the client has paid the attorney: \$ _____

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4. If there was a written fee agreement, under the fee agreement, what fees are owed: \$ _____

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5. The amount that the arbitrator/panel determines that the services were worth: \$ _____

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6a The filing fee was paid to the State Bar of California by the client/attorney:
[TYPE NAME HERE]

6b The amount of the filing fee paid to the State Bar of California: \$ _____

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STATEMENT OF FACTS/ISSUES IN DISPUTE

DISCUSSION (Statement of Reasoning)

AWARD

The arbitrator/panel finds that the total amount of fees and/or costs which should have been charged in this matter are: \$ _____

Of which, the client is found to have paid: \$ _____

In addition, the fee arbitration filing fee shall be allocated:

Client: \$ _____

Attorney: \$ _____

For a net amount of: \$ _____

Accordingly, the following award is made:

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a) Client
[TYPE NAME
HERE], shall

attorney, [

OR

[]

b) Attorney
[TYPE NAME
HERE], shall

client, [TY

OR

[]

c) No award
further shall be made
by either at the
client.

Arbitrator Name (Print)

Arbitrator Name (Signature)

Dated

Arbitrator Name (Print)

Arbitrator Name (Signature)

Dated

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Questions to ask to assist you in determining the following:

1. Statement of Facts/issues in Dispute

! *WHO was hired to do WHAT?*

! *WHAT was done?*

! *WHY the client believes that the fees were not earned, etc.*

2. Discussion (Statement of Reasoning)

!HOW did the arbitrator/panel come to its conclusion?